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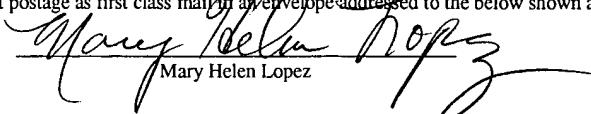
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 Application No. : 09/747,428
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 Group/Division : 2171
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herein is an amendment and response to the office action dated **October 15, 2002**. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.